EXPO TALKS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

TIME	PRESENTER	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
3:30 PM	Charles Alfieri *Tenmat, Inc.*	Fireblocking in Rainscreen Assemblies (IBC Section 718.2.6)	Our presentation provides an introduction to topics related to fire blocking in Rainscreen Assemblies with exterior wall coverings. Attendees will learn specific requirements in the IBC, as well as how to balance compliance with other performance expectations of exterior wall assemblies. Centered on the building code requirements for Fire blocking in Concealed Spaces of Exterior Wall Coverings, this course specifically reviews Section 718.2.6 of the IBC. While bringing awareness to a potential safety hazard, the course provides attendees with knowledge on the code language, exceptions, and ways to comply which maintain other performance requirements for exterior walls, like water and air management.
4:00 PM	Justin Mann *ICC – Evaluation Services*	Navigating the ICC-ES Product Evaluation Process	Are you ready to elevate your understanding of the ICC Evaluation Service Product Approval Process? Join us for an engaging session that will demystify this essential pathway to market success! Discover how this rigorous evaluation can enhance your product's credibility and boost your competitive edge. In this session, we'll explore practical insights and real-world applications that can help you navigate the approval process with confidence. Don't miss this opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge and connect with the industry leader of product evaluations.
4:30 PM	Alex Kerr *ICC – Next Generation Training*	Building Futures: Empower The Next Generation Through Building Code Education	Discussing the Next Generation Training Programs offered by ICC. These programs are used in High Schools, Community Colleges, Trade Schools, Jurisdictions, and multiple other organizations across the United States to introduce and reinforce the codes and different trades.
5:00 PM	Cade Booth *Vice Chair, Education Committee* Jerica Stacey *Staff Liaison, Sustainability Membership Council*	Joining an ICC Membership Council of Committee	Connecting with fellow building safety professionals through one of ICC's Membership Councils or Development Committees is a rewarding way to share your expertise, expand your professional network, and stay informed on emerging trends and industry topics. This Expo Talk highlights the many ways you can get involved in ICC's discipline-specific Membership Councils and Code Development, Standard Development, and Professional Development Committees. You'll hear directly from members and staff about the benefits of volunteering, the impact these groups have on the industry, and how to find the opportunity that best aligns with your interests and experience.

5:30 PM	Dan Belling *S-5!*	Preventing Rooftop Avalanches: The Little-Known Physics Behind Sliding Snow on Metal Roofs	This presentation explains the science, engineering, and life-safety risks associated with rooftop snow avalanches. Unplanned release of snow from slippery roofs can occur even while ambient temperatures remain well below freezing, creating an under-recognized hazard that causes significant property damage, serious injury and fatalities each year. This session explores the little-known physics behind sliding snow, demonstrates how snow loads translate into downslope drag forces, and explains how properly designed snow retention systems can reduce risk, prevent damage and improve long-term roof performance. Attendees will also learn how to evaluate snow retention system designs using standards such as IAPMO EC 029, including third-party testing requirements, and identify common specification and installation issues that can increase failure risk and liability for the building owner, designer, and contractor.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

TIME	PRESENTER	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
2:30 PM	Autumn Saylor *ICC – Credentialing*	Why Join an Exam Development Committee	This presentation highlights the critical role of ICC Exam Development Committees in ensuring the quality, fairness, and real-world relevance of certification exams that safeguard public safety and professional credibility. It explains how subject-matter experts contribute their industry experience to validate exam content, maintain standards, and support the development of future code professionals. Attendees will also learn about the professional benefits of serving, along with how to get involved in this meaningful opportunity to shape the future of building safety.
3:00 PM	John Swanson *ICC – Technical Training*	Autism and Emergency Response: What the Fire Service Needs to Know	Every emergency scene is unpredictable—but when an individual in crisis is on the autism spectrum, or involved in the emergency scene, the stakes can rise quickly. With autism now affecting approximately 1 in 31 children, fire service personnel are increasingly likely to encounter individuals whose behaviors, communication styles, and sensory responses differ from what responders expect.

			This talk goes beyond awareness to provide practical, actionable strategies for real-world response. Learn how common emergency tactics—lights, sirens, verbal commands, and physical contact—can unintentionally escalate a situation, and how small adjustments can lead to safer, more effective outcomes for both responders and the individuals you serve. Led by a former firefighter and parent of a child on the autism spectrum, this session provides scenario-based, field-tested techniques you can apply immediately.
3:30 PM	Jeffrey S. Grove *Coffman Engineers*	Overview of September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks and Resulting Changes to the Building & Fire Codes	This presentation will provide an overview of the terrorist attacks from September 11, 2001, the investigations that arose as a result of those attacks and the resulting changes to the Building and Fire Codes.
4:00 PM	Robert Rice *ICC – Technical Product Development*	Why You Need to Submit a Code Change	The codes we use every day are developed, updated, and maintained by code officials, product manufacturers, industry representatives, builders, and other stakeholders. *What to Expect:* Experienced participants in the code development process will share practical insights, lessons learned, and encouragement for others to become involved. The session includes time for questions and answers. *Why It Matters:* As a code user, your participation in code development is valuable and needed. Getting involved is likely much easier than you might think.
4:30 PM	Richard Roberts *Honeywell Building Automation*	What You Need to Know about New Alarm Transmission Requirements	An informative presentation that explains why technologies used for transmitting alarm, trouble, and supervisory signals (signals) from the protected premises to the fire department are changing rapidly. Legacy technologies are becoming, or are obsolete in many jurisdictions, and there are new technologies that send signals via the cloud that are presenting challenges for code authorities.